

# Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 23, 2023







## OUR LADY COMFORTER OF THE AFFLICTED

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### MASSES

**Daily:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:30AM  
First Friday Mass—8:30am until further notice

**Weekend:** Saturday 4:00pm and  
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

**Holy Day:** As Announced

### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Celebrated on Saturdays or Sundays. To schedule a Baptism, call 781-894-3481 x7

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements six months-one year in advance by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA):** Anyone interested in journeying in faith to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist, please contact the parish office.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION:**  
Confessions - Saturday's from 2:45-3:15pm

**SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**  
Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** Extraordinary Ministers bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Sunday Mass. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**For more information on the Catholic Faith visit**  
**www.usccb.org**

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Syro Malandara Catholic Mass for the Boston Mission of the Syro Malandara Catholic Dioceses of USA and Canada held third Sunday of each month here at Our Lady's.

### HOMILIES ONLINE

The homilies are posted on our parish website at [www.olca.org](http://www.olca.org). Go to the home page and on the right side you will see Homilies, just click on that and choose the homily you would like to hear again.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, July 22/23**

Jill Forland	Memorial
Polly Reynolds	Memorial
Rosanna Dell'Anno Beauvais	Memorial
William M. Niland, Jr.	Memorial

**Monday July 24 at 8:30am**

Augusto and Maria Tavares	Memorial
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**Tuesday July 25 at 8:30am**

Mary Catherine Rice	Memorial
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**Friday July 28 at 8:30am**

Pete Connolly	Memorial
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**Mass Intentions for Saturday and Sunday, July 29/30**

Carmine Caso	Memorial
Salvatore and Maria Caci and Stefania Graceffa	
Special Intention for Lynn Conde	

**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

July 15/16: \$4,342  
June Online Donations: \$11,131

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays from 2:45-3:15pm

**SATURDAY ROSARY**

Rosary prayed the first Saturday of each month at 3:00pm in the church led by parishioners.

**ONLINE GIVING - STEADY/STABLE INCOME**

During these Summer months, we ask you to please consider signing up for **Online Giving**. This ensures steady, stable income for the Parish in case you are away for the weekend or you go on vacation. Our monthly expenses, unfortunately, continue through the summer and our weekly offertory is very important. You can sign up online by visiting [olca.org](http://olca.org) and click on the "**Donate**" button. If you have any questions, call Sharon in the parish office.

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND**

If or someone you know cannot make it to Mass due to recovery from surgery, an illness or can simply no longer attend Mass **PLEASE, LET US KNOW**. Call the parish office, 781-894-3481 x2 or [parish@olca.org](mailto:parish@olca.org). Please reach out, we are here for you.

**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION****RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - REGISTER NOW!!**

Summer is flying by! We ask that you consider registering early for the 2023-2024 Religious Education year. Timely/Early registration is greatly appreciated to plan for teachers, books, and supplies. You can easily **register and pay online at [olca.org](http://olca.org) under the "Forms" tab**. Many of our wonderful volunteers return year after year, for which we are most grateful, however, more volunteers are always needed. Teachers are most needed, but you may help in other ways as well - as a classroom aide, hall monitor, substitute teacher, First Communion help, Confirmation help. It is a low-key, welcoming and friendly environment, and we are blessed with a beautiful and spacious school building. Support, materials and resources are provided. Are you interested in this essential service to our parish community? Would you like to be a part of the Religious Education Program? Classes are Sunday mornings in between the parish Masses. For general information about the program or to join this ministry, please contact Elizabeth Pettine in the Religious Ed Office at 781-894-3481 x3 or email her at [religiouseducation@olca.org](mailto:religiouseducation@olca.org).



**WOMEN'S  
CURSILLO  
WEEKEND**



**Coming in September!**

Cursillo is a joyful and jam-packed three-day experience of learning, faith sharing, praying, and having fun. The goal is to deepen your faith and strengthen your ability to bring Christ's love and grace into the world. The weekend runs from Thursday, 9/21 at 7 pm through mid-afternoon on Sunday, 9/24 at the beautiful Notre Dame Spirituality Center in Ipswich. Are you curious? Ellen Rice ([efrice1@gmail.com](mailto:efrice1@gmail.com)) would love to tell you more! Send an email, visit the website at [www.bostoncursillo.org](http://www.bostoncursillo.org) or check out [@bostoncursillo](https://www.instagram.com/bostoncursillo) on Instagram.

**Looking for ways to give back? We have the answer for you?**

Beth Israel Lahey Health at Home Hospice is looking for volunteers for an hour or 2/week to offer companionship to patients, provide caregivers the opportunity to take a break, or sit with patients and listen to favorite songs, read to them or offer a listening ear. Volunteers can also offer their time with office work. Training is provided along with on-going support and a flexible schedule to fit your availability. If interested contact Maureen Burge at (781) 901- 6561 or email her at [maureen.burge@athome.bilh.org](mailto:maureen.burge@athome.bilh.org).







Congratulations to the Coppola Family on the Baptism of their daughters, Vita Maria and Liliana Mary on Saturday, July 15, 2023.



Photos from July 15/16 Weekend Masses





### MISSION TRIP REFLECTION

My name is Trinity Bresciani. I joined the mission trip to Knoxville, Tennessee, but wasn't sure what to expect. I had a few ideas, but it was so much more. From the very beginning, everyone I met was so welcoming and friendly. On this trip, everyone was put in uncomfortable circumstances. But these circumstances helped me appreciate all the little things we have that we take for granted in our everyday lives.

My work job during the week was working with the homeless at shelters and food pantries. Being able to interact with homeless, or very needy people and talk to them was such an amazing opportunity. One of my jobs at the pantry was to give people a choice of one bag of fruit or one bag of vegetables. Some of these people had multiple kids and only had the choice of one thing to feed their entire family, and the kids didn't understand why they couldn't have just a few strawberries or one more bag of chips. Another situation was a woman who came in for some new clothes because she didn't have many and she just got a job. I was looking for some pants for her and she said none of them would fit and asked if we had any kid's sizes because she has cancer and keeps losing weight. Eventually, we found something that fit her in the kid's section, so she asked if there was a backpack or purse to carry the clothes in. I couldn't find any bag so she started to leave and as she was walking out, a piece of leather caught my eye, so I grabbed it. It was a beat up purse. I gave it to her, and even though it was a purse that most people would throw away because it was so damaged, she was so happy that she had something to carry clothing in and maybe even a little bit of food. What stood out to me the most during these days was the fact that these were some of the happiest people and yet they have almost nothing.

At the end of each day, we would have some activities or free time, but one of my favorite things was being able to pray the Liturgy of the Hours with our group every morning and night. Oftentimes we would drop what we were doing and go to the chapel to pray together. It was moving how open everyone was to spending time with God, and the Liturgy of the Hours is something that I am trying to continue in my life now.

I think praying like this and working with the poor showed me that we don't have to do extraordinary things to do God's will, sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest changes, whether it be smiling at a stranger or talking to someone that is alone. We never know what people are going through and you might be the only person they talk to that day. By loving people like Jesus tells us to, we can truly live up the CHWC slogan "made for more", because we were made for more than just existing; we were made to help each other and pick each other up on our path to heaven.

This entire trip helped me grow in my relationship with God in many ways and I hope I will be able to go again. I strongly believe everyone, whether young or old, should experience a CHWC at some point in their life!



"The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives."  
// Saint Pope John Paul II



*We are Blessed*

Some of the members from the Knoxville Service Trip at Adoration and Rosary last Sunday, July 16 with Fr. Campo and Deacon David.



## **AUGUST CASH GIVEAWAY FUNDRAISER**

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**As of 7/17/23**

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Our **August Cash Giveaway Fundraiser** will be drawn on **August 27 after the 11:00am Mass**. Tickets are **\$50**. The amount of winners drawn will depend on how many tickets we sell. We will sell a **minimum of 500** and **maximum of 600 tickets**. See the breakdown below.

500-524 - (10) \$500 winners  
525-549 - (12) \$500 winners  
550-574 - (14) \$500 winners  
575-599 - (16) \$500 winners  
600 tickets sold - (20) \$500 winners

All names drawn will win \$500 and you will have **more than one chance to win as your name will be put back into the drawing**. If you are reading this and would like to purchase a ticket but are not on our mailing list, please reach out to Sharon in the parish office.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Our Lady's Parish Fundraisers.

--600

--500

--400

--300

--200

--100

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Two worthy parishioners are the recipients of the college scholarships offered this year by our parish-based Knights of Columbus Council. Casey MacKenzie will begin her pursuit of a degree in Early Childhood Education at Middlesex Community College, and Caroline O'Brien will be pursuing a degree in psychology and film at Santa Clara University. Congratulations and best wishes to both recipients. Thank you and best wishes to all the candidates who applied for the awards. We wish them God speed and much success as they pursue their college degrees.

## **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

We would like to build up the altar serving corps here at Our Lady's, and so, we are planning to hold altar server training at the church later this month. Altar serving is open to any child beginning in Grade 4. It is a special way to spend some time this summer. Time and date of the training will be chosen based on the responses received. To register, please send a note or email to the Parish Office ([parish@olca.org](mailto:parish@olca.org)) in c/o Paul Loscocco.

## **2023 MISSION APPEAL- August 5/6, 2023**

The **weekend of August 5/6**, there will be special marked bins for contributions.

## **The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette**

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, "*Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people,*" echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission oriented. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation and support, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor. ***Special note about Speaker:*** Fr. John Higgins is a La Salette priest who has ministered in Argentina for over 21 years and 11 years in Bolivia. As a native of the Boston area, he currently is in active ministry as Senior Priest now serving at the Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows in Hartford, CT. Fr. Higgins finds great joy in sharing his missionary experiences with the parish families as he gives the Mission Appeal.



## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OUR LADY'S ACADEMY**

Our Lady's Academy is seeking After School Helpers for children ages Pre-School to 8th Grade. Inspire youth by helping God's children with arts/crafts, story-time, and other group activities. Lead and organize group activities, supervise, and manage children. Be a positive role model and encourage children to be their best in a nurturing and caring environment.

Qualifications: 1-2 Years experience working with children in classroom, school, or camp setting. Preferred US citizenship, residency or work visa required.

Hours: (Mon-Fri: 2:15pm – 6pm). Flexible schedules.

Start Date: Interviewing now for the September 5, 2023 start date, send resume to:

Email: [afterschool@ourladyacademy.org](mailto:afterschool@ourladyacademy.org)

Phone: 781-899-0206





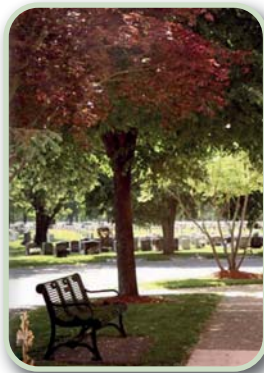
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